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SUBJ: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 43326

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FONOFF (DIAZ THOME) MARCH 2 CALLING ATTENTION OF GOM OF OVERSHIPMENT IN CATEGORY 116, AND REQUESTING GOM TO STOP SHIPMENTS IN THIS CATEGORY IMMEDIATELY. EMBOFF ALSO INFORMED DIAZ THOME USG PLANNED TO ADD DISCUSSION OF CATEGORY 116 TO AGENDA FOR MARCH 7-8 BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS.

2. ON MARCH 3, EMBOFF MET WITH LIZARDI (SUB-DIRECTOR FOR TEXTILES, SECRETARIAT OF PATRIMONY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT), WHO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING MARCH 7-8 CONSULTATIONS: GARRIDO OF SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE TO HEAD 5-6 MEMBER TEXTILE DELEGATION COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PATRIMONY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (JIMENEZ) AND FOREIGN MINISTRY, PLUS INDUSTRY ADVISORS REPRESENTING COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY, FIBER INDUSTRY, AND POSSIBLY "MAQUILADORAS" (IN-BOND TEXTILE ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY RE-EXPORTING TO US UNDER TSUSA 807.00). RE MAQUILADORAS, LIZARDI SAID MQAUILADORA REP CURRENTLY IN EUROPE AND GOM CONTRACTING

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HIM TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE CAN RE-ARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR NEXT WEEK'S CONSULTATIONS. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS LIZARDI SAID QUESTION OF RAISING MAQUILADORA ISSUE DISCUSSED IN GOM STRAGETY MEETINGS THIS WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT THAT PREVAILING VIEW APPEARED TO BE THERE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING USG RELIEF FROM BILATERAL FOR MAQUILADORA OPERATIONS. HENCE, LIZARDI

THOUGHT THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY GOM WOULD NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE DURING CONSULTATIONS. (EMBASSY COMMENT: DISSATISFACTION OVER USG CHARGING AGAINST BILATERAL QUOTA LEVELS APPAREL EXPORTED TO US UNDER USUSA 807.00 HAS BEEN LONG STANDING COMPLAINT OF MAQUILADORA OPERATORS AND GOM TEXTILE OFFICIALS, WHO FEEL THAT SUCH EXPORTS SHOULD BE EXEMPTED ENTIRELY FROM BILATERAL, OR, IF INCLUDED UNDER BILATERAL, SHOULD BE CHARGED AGAINST QUOTA LEVELS AT LOWER RATES THAN NON-807.00 EXPORTS.)

4. LIZARDI ALSO SAID GOM PLANNED TO RAISE FOLLOWING ISSUES IN CONSULTATIONS: A) CONTINUOUS FILAMENT PROBLEM (LIZARDI SAID USG CLASSIFIES FILAMENT AS YARN IF FILAMENT EXCEEDS CERTAIN NUMBER OF TWISTS OR TURNS PER INCH); B) HANDICRAFTS (NO DETAILS PROVIDED, BUT MAY INVOLVE GOM REQUEST FOR EXPANSION OF HANDICRAFTS LIST); AND C) "EXCHANGE" OF UNDER-SUBSCRIBED CATEGORY LEVELS FOR INCREASED LEVELS IN OTHER CATEGORIES. RE LATTER, LIZARDI SAID THIS "EXCHANGE" WOULD BE FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR, AND WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS SETTING A PRECEDENT.

5. EARLIER THIS WEEK EMBASSY RECEIVED FONOFF REPLY TO EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 13, 1976 RE OVERSHIPMENT IN CATEGORY 201 (REF STATE 299217, DEC 9, 1976). EMBASSY SENDING SPANISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF FONOFF REPLY TO DEPARTMENT BY SEPTTEL, AND IS POUCHING NOTE TO EB/FTD.
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